

Foreman Report
April 2015

Roads

- The crew cleaned the curbs and gutters of the downtown streets this month. All the leaves and dirt was brought to our brush pile where we will burn it at a later date.
- We cleaned the ditches on the County road and North Shore Road from sticks and trees that might have fallen in the Road Right of Way during the winter. South Shore ditches will be cleaned in the early part of May.
- We were able to cut down the leaning and/or dead trees that were on County H (approx. 25 trees). These will be cleaned up in the early part of May when the load limits are off. Ashland County will be billed for all the time and material used.
- The grader has been out fixing and reshaping the dirt roads, this will continue into May with anticipation of calcium chloride being delivered on the week of June 10, 2015, weather permitting.

Parks

- All of the water in the town parks has been turned on. BBTP was the only one we had a couple of small leaks that we were able to fix quickly and easily.
- I consulted and hired Jim Lacy to work on the well at BBTP. He confirmed my suspicion that the well was improperly wired by the original contractor. Jim agreed to fix this in the early part of May, so we should not have any more issues with the well tripping the breaker and shutting off. Since this will be a relatively cheap fix it is my recommendation to the board that we do not pursue the original contractor over a legal battle as their history with us has not been the greatest.
- We completed the cedar split rail fence at BBTP. Approximately 400 feet of split rail fence has been installed by the town crew. This fence was designed to keep the public safe and help prevent someone from possibly falling or slipping down the steep bank that the fence is built near.
- We hauled in about 30-40 yards of pit sand to site 28 at BBTP to give it an 8"-12" lift. This is going to help keep this site dry as it has always been a low site that people were not very happy with after a rain storm.
- Dick Hardie began working again this year as the Parks Attendant. His schedule was for 3 days a week until the end of April at which point I changed his hours to 5 days a week, where he will stay until the end of the season.
- The Pergola was cleaned with a pressure washer. In May we plan to plant more flowers and oil the logs to help preserve the beauty and appeal of this structure. Most of the money used for the Pergola improvements has been from donated funds.
- We cleaned out the mechanical room at the Rec Center as it had become a storage closet for the summer program's toys and crafts. This will remain cleaned out and just a mechanical room for safety and cleanliness.
- The Rec. Center playground was painted along with the fence that surrounds it, and in my humble opinion, looks phenomenal.

- We installed the donation collection tube at BBTP. I changed the original plan slightly and made it more practical for collection. I hope that this donation system works and it becomes a good revenue source for the park, if this does not, we will be forced to entertain a daily use fee/permit.

Equipment

- The pickup trucks are starting to receive spring maintenance, oil, filter, changes etc. Although the trucks are running well now they are on average 22 years old and need to start being replaced in the near future. I hope to map out a course for replacement in the coming years with the budget.
- All the plows and snow removal equipment have been taken off the trucks and they are ready for the summer hauling season.

Administrative

- Research and preparation for new parking lot and town dock lights consumed a good amount of time. I hope to have things finalized soon with the actual replacement of the lights in the early part of June. All of the proposed lights are LED and will cut our electrical light usage by half.
- Unfortunately our Parks assistant Labor, Kemptner P., fell off his roof and broke his foot. He is expected to be out for 6-8 weeks. I hope to advertise for a fill in employee until Kemptner can work again.

Respectfully submitted,

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